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the National Environment Policy Act which should receive considerable public review prior to implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is opposed to adoption of BLM's proposed rules for grazing administration on public lands;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, no rules should be promulgated until full attention is given to land, watershed and fish and wildlife resources because these values are substantially influenced by livestock grazing.

Resolution No. 4

TO INCORPORATE MARINE MAMMALS INTO SOUND ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 demonstrated foresight by the U.S. Congress in addressing a national need to protect marine mammal populations;

WHEREAS, after one and one half decades there is adequate history to demonstrate that the Act has been so successful that its implementation now jeopardizes sound policies of resource management and maintenance of the health and stability of marine ecosystems;

WHEREAS, promotion of the ecosystem concepts embodied by Congress in the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act will be achieved by treating all elements of the ecosystem in the same management context;

WHEREAS, experience has shown that it has become necessary to apply broader principles of conservation and management in line with similar practices used for other marine populations, with a goal of protecting the health and stability of marine ecosystems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies requests that the Marine Mammal Protection Act be reconstructed to be consistent with the principles of ecosystem conservation and management set forth in the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Resolution No. 5

MIGRATORY BIRD PROTOCOL NEGOTIATION

WHEREAS, governmental officials in both Canada and the United States have agreed to a protocol amending the 1916 Migratory Bird Convention;

WHEREAS, the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies has expressed its support for the intent of the protocol but has resolved to oppose ratification by either the United States or Canada until certain clarifications are made;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the waterfowl resource and the peoples of both countries that a legally binding negotiation be finalized and the protocol ratified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies urges immediate attention by both countries to complete negotiations that provide for comprehensive solutions of all outstanding issues including:

- (1) Delineate the peoples qualifying for subsistence take;
- (2) Geographic areas open to subsistence hunting;
- (3) Definition of competent authority;
- (4) How birds can be used;
- (5) Methods of regulation of harvest;
- (6) Levels of harvest guidelines; and
- (7) Enforcement and monitoring mechanisms.

Resolution No. 6

CONSERVATION OF THE PORCUPINE CARIBOU HERD

WHEREAS, the United States and Canada have entered into an agreement for the conservation of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, culminating nearly a decade of negotiations between parties interested in protection of the Herd;

WHEREAS, the Porcupine Caribou Herd is very important to the citizens of Alaska, Yukon and the Northwest Territories;

WHEREAS, the agreement is designed to protect an international caribou resource while at the same time not altering the State of Alaska's management authority over the Porcupine Caribou Herd;

WHEREAS, the agreement established an International Advisory Board to offer advice on the management and conservation of the Porcupine Caribou Herd and its habitat;

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska and citizens of the state have been continuously involved in the development of the agreement and should continue to be directly involved in its implementation through the International Advisory Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies recommends that the members of the United States delegation to the newly established International Advisory Board have a demonstrated interest in the well being of the Porcupine Caribou Herd and include: One representative of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to be designated by the Secretary of the Interior; One representative from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to be designated by the governor; One representative of Alaskan sportsmen having an interest in the conservation of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, to be designated by the Secretary of the Interior from nominations submitted by the Recreational Group; and One representative of Alaska Natives that use the Porcupine Caribou Herd, designated by the Secretary of the Interior from nominations submitted by the Alaska Native groups.